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**VIA ECF**

The Honorable Valerie E. Caproni  
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**MEMO ENDORSED**

Re: *United States v. Rovier Carrington*, 21 Cr. 653 (VEC) (S.D.N.Y.)

Dear Judge Caproni,

We represent Rovier Carrington in the above-referenced action. We write to request that the Court amend its Order dated August 16, 2023, Dkt. No. 98, by directing the Department of Justice—rather than the Criminal Justice Act (“CJA”) office—to pay the fees relating to the court-appointed competency evaluation of Mr. Carrington.

To provide some background, we filed a letter motion dated August 16, 20203, Dkt. No. 97, requesting a court-appointed competency evaluation of our client under 18 U.S.C. § 4241(b). We proposed that Cheryl Paradis, Psy.D., conduct the evaluation and provided her hourly rate (\$400) and estimated total fees for the evaluation (\$12,000). We stated that we would submit an authorization form through the CJA portal for Dr. Paradis’s fees. The Court granted our request by endorsement the same day. Dkt. No. 98.

My colleague has since spoken with the CJA office and was informed that Dr. Paradis’s fees should be paid by the Department of Justice, rather than the CJA office, pursuant to the CJA Guidelines, Vol. 7A, Guide to Judiciary Policy § 320.20.60 (stating that the government has the responsibility to pay the fees associated with mental competency evaluations under 18 U.S.C. § 4241).

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We therefore request that the Court amend its Order dated August 16, 2023, Dkt. No. 98, by directing the Department of Justice to pay the fees relating to the court-appointed competency evaluation of Mr. Carrington. AUSA Burnett has informed us that the government has no objection to this request.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Telemachus P. Kasulis  
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cc: Counsel of record

Application GRANTED.

SO ORDERED.



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HON. VALERIE CAPRONI  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE